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***ARIZONANS CONTINUE TO SIGN PETITIONS ON GASOLINE COSTS***  
***Thousands Sign Petitions Online Urging Congress to Act on Gas Prices***

PHOENIX – More than 27,000 Arizonans have signed online petitions asking President Bush to urge Congress to take action on gas prices since the web page went live late last week.

The petitions, available on Governor Janet Napolitano's website at [www.azgovernor.gov](http://www.azgovernor.gov), have generated a great deal of interest in the community, with hundreds of citizens signing them daily.

The states have no jurisdiction over gas prices; however, consumers can show their support for a comprehensive energy policy that would have a positive impact on gas prices by signing up online.

"This clearly shows Arizonans want Congress and the President to act on a realistic energy policy that encourages companies to research other methods of fueling vehicles, and reduce the burden on consumers," said Napolitano.

Signing the petitions is quick and easy: simply log on to the website, fill in a few blanks and press the send key. Once collected, the petitions will be sent to the White House as a message that Arizonans are fed up with skyrocketing gas prices, at a time when oil companies report billions of dollars in profits and tax breaks. Petitions will be collected through next Friday, May 19th, 2006.

The attached sheet lists initiatives undertaken by state government to support consumers as gas prices climb.

## **Governor Napolitano Urges Immediate Federal Action on Gas Prices**

Governor Napolitano continues to urge Washington to support sound energy policy that will help the nation decrease its dependence on foreign oil. Additionally, Gov. Napolitano is calling on President Bush to stop exorbitant tax breaks to wealthy oil companies (while citizens continue to pay increasingly higher prices for gas), and encourage the exploration of alternative sources of energy. Skyrocketing gas prices are draining the budgets of hardworking Arizonans and small business operators.

- The Governor is chair of the Western Governors Association, and is leading the way on issues of importance to Arizona and the Western United States, including conservation, energy and the environment.
- In May 2006, Governor Napolitano joined other governors in encouraging the residents of their states to sign petitions urging President Bush and Congress to take action on gas prices.
- Governor Napolitano has asked the Arizona Department of Weights and Measures (ADWM) to regularly monitor supplies of gasoline. Additionally, the ADWM has stepped up its efforts to check the accuracy of gasoline pumps to ensure that consumers are getting every dime of gas they pay for.
- Governor Napolitano has asked the state legislature to support efforts by Attorney General Terry Goddard to pass and send up for her signature a price-gouging bill that would prevent retailers from artificially inflating their prices.
- In September 2005, Governor Napolitano authorized the distribution and sale of conventional blends of fuel in parts of Arizona that are usually required to sell a cleaner-burning blend of gasoline during the warmer months of the year. This was done to ensure that there would be adequate supply of fuel for Arizonans, and keep prices down.
- Since February 2004, Governor Napolitano, along with other governors around the United States, has sent multiple letters to President Bush and his administration regarding the price of gasoline, and asked for the appropriate federal authority to look into why costs of gasoline rise so quickly, yet fall so slowly.